

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*Fargo, North Dakota*

◆ **Service of Prayer and Preaching** ◆ (pages 260 - 267)

*Pre-Service Music - Welcome*

**Opening Versicles** (Common)

(LSB 260)

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is truth.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

*LSB 802*

**Psalmody**

*Psalm 1:1-6*

P: Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**C: and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**C: In all that he does, he prospers.**

P: The wicked are not so,

**C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

P: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**C: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

E: The Old Testament reading for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel, chapter seventeen.

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Special Music** “*Thrive,*” by Mark Hall and Matthew West

*Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died,  
Like a tree planted by the water we never will run dry.*

*So living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.  
Fill our heart, and flood our souls with one desire:*

*Just to know You, and to make You known, we lift Your name on high.  
Shine like the sun; make darkness run and hide;*

*We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.  
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.*

*Into Your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.  
Into the world, we're reaching out to show them who You are.*

*Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible.*

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## **Epistle Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5:1-17*

E: The Epistle is written in Second Corinthians, chapter five.

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again

but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 4:26-34*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fourth chapter.

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Common Responsory

*(LSB 263)*

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### Catechism

*LSB 264*

### Children's Message

**Sermon** "Like a Tree Planted Beside Streams of Water"

*Jeremiah 18:7-8*

*"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."*

### Hymn of Response

**"The Man Is Ever Blessed"**

*LSB 705*

**Offering** (Please sign and pass the red book found at the center end of each pew.)

**+ Service of Holy Communion – 8:15 am +**

(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline “Preparation for Holy Communion”, printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

**Corporate Confession and Absolution**

**LSB 290-291**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Hymns during Distribution**

*“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”*

**LSB 620**

*“The Tree of Life”*

**LSB 561**

*“Oh, Blest the House”*

**LSB 862**

**New Testament Canticle**

*(see insert)*

**Blessing**

**LSB 267**

*Announcements*

**Closing Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**LSB 922**

**Service Without Holy Communion – 11 am**

**Hymn “The Tree of Life”**

**LSB 561**

**Luther’s Morning Prayer**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**New Testament Canticle**

*(see insert)*

**Blessing**

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**LSB 922**

# New Testament Canticle

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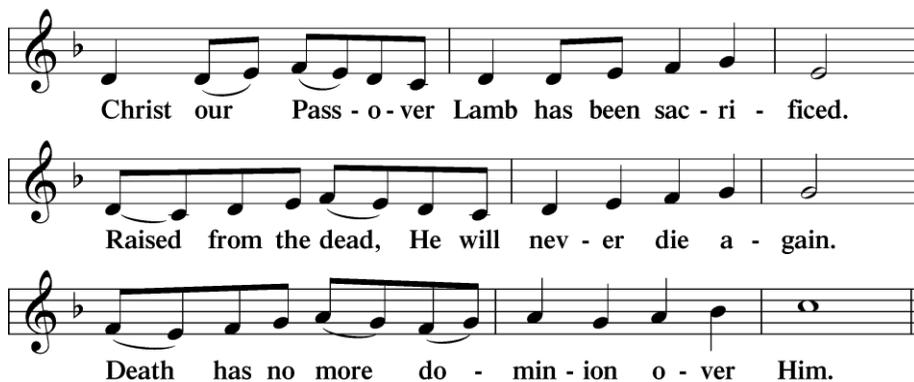
ALL:

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SOLO:



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.  
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

ALL:

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SOLO:



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to  
sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

**ALL:**

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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